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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

South Africa: draft resolution

Assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia

The General Assembly,

Taking note of Security Council resolution 1020 of 10 November 1995, in which, inter alia, the Council called upon all of the Liberian parties to respect and implement fully and expeditiously all the agreements and commitments they had entered into, in particular with regard to the maintenance of the cease-fire, disarmament and demobilization of combatants, and national reconciliation, as the restoration of peace and democracy in Liberia was primarily the responsibility of those parties which signed the Abuja Agreement on 19 August 1995, 1/

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 9 October 1995, 2/

Deeply concerned about the adverse effects of the protracted conflict on the socio-economic development of Liberia, and noting the urgent need to restore peace and stability to enable the rehabilitation and reconstruction of basic sectors of the country,

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Recognizing the recent progress made by the Liberian parties towards the peaceful resolution of the conflict, including the re-establishment of a cease-fire, the installation of a new Council of State on 1 September 1995 and the agreement reached on a timetable for the implementation of the peace process from the cease-fire to the holding of executive and legislative elections in August 1996,

Noting with concern that the lack of logistics and security guarantees continue to impair the delivery of relief assistance, particulary in the areas not yet under the control of the Economic Community of West African States Peace Monitoring Group, thereby hampering the transition from emergency to development activities,

Commending the concerted and determined efforts of the Economic Community to restore peace, security and stability in Liberia,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have rendered assistance to the Liberian National Transitional Government in its relief and rehabilitation efforts and urges that such assistance be continued;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his continuing efforts to mobilize relief and rehabilitation assistance for Liberia;

3. Again expresses its gratitude to the Secretary-General for convening a pledging conference on assistance to Liberia in New York on 27 October 1995, and in this regard encourages States that pledged assistance to fulfil their commitments;

4. Calls upon all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide Liberia with technical, financial and other assistance for the repatriation and resettlement of Liberian refugees, returnees and displaced persons and the rehabilitation of combatants so as to facilitate the restoration of peace and normalcy in Liberia;

5. Once again appeals to all States to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for Liberia established by the Secretary-General to, inter alia, assist the Peace Monitoring Group to fulfil its mandate and provide assistance for the reconstruction of Liberia;

6. Emphasizes the urgent need for all parties and factions in Liberia to respect fully the security and safety of all personnel of the United Nations, its specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and the Peace Monitoring Group by ensuring their complete freedom of movement throughout Liberia, and to take all measures necessary to create an atmosphere conducive to the successful resolution of the conflict;

7. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize all possible assistance within the United Nations system to help the Government of Liberia in its reconstruction and development efforts;

(b) To undertake, when conditions permit, in close collaboration with the authorities of Liberia, an overall assessment of needs, with the objective of holding a round-table conference of donors for the reconstruction and development of Liberia;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

9. Decides to consider at its fifty-first session the question of international assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia.